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RESPONSIBILITIES OF AIR RESERVE COMPONENT (ARC) FORCES

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This instruction implements AFR 10-3, *Air Reserve Component Forces*. It outlines responsibilities of the Air National Guard of the United States (ANG or ANGUS), the United States Air Force Reserve (USAFR), and all Air Force Headquarters and units that support or supervise training of the two reserve components.

1. USAFR and ANG MISSION. Total Force Policy highlights the importance of having the ANG and USAFR combat-ready and prepared to accomplish wartime tasks when needed. The mission of the USAFR and ANG is to recruit, train and provide combat ready flying units, combat support units, combat service support units, and qualified personnel for active duty in the Air Force to:

- 1.1. Support wartime requirements:
- 1.2. Perform peacetime requirements that are compatible with Guard and Reserve mobilization readiness.
- 1.3. Conduct training in support of Total Force capabilities.

2. Operational Readiness. The governors, through the adjutants general of the states, commonwealths, or possessions; the President in the case of the District of Columbia; and the Commander, AFRES are obligated to ensure that the training of their respective units conforms to the same standards established by the gaining commands for similar units of the active force.

- 2.1. Major gaining commands must ensure that ANG and USAFR forces are ready to function effectively when mobilized.
- 2.2. Major commands ensure Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMAs) are trained and ready to assume their mobilization tasks and responsibilities.

3. Applicability of Publications. NGB and HQ AFRES determine those gaining command publications that provide direction to non-mobilized ANG and USAFR units. These publications are applicable to Air Reserve Component (ARC) units after publication in the AFRESIND 2.

- 3.1. ANG and USAFR publications provide direction in areas unique to the ARC and complement those of the active force. Structure publications to avoid conflict with applicable gaining command publications.
- 3.2. All Air Force publications, except those paragraphs noted in the publication itself, apply to USAFR units.

4. NGB and HQ AFRES Responsibilities. ARC units establish and maintain effective safety and training programs that are compatible with those of the gaining commands. In addition, they provide gaining commands with copies of applicable training program policies and publications.

5. Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) Responsibilities. ARPC is responsible for management of individual reserve programs to include the IMA Program, the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), the Standby Reserve, and the Retired Reserve.

- 5.1. ARPC ensures using commands' and agencies' IMA programs comply with approved Air Force Reserve policy and guidance.

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6. Gaining Major Command Responsibilities:

- 6.1. Gaining commands perform the following functions to ensure the operational readiness of all gained ARC forces, both individual and unit:
 - 6.1.1. Establish training standards and objectives and provide training publications for use by ARC forces.
 - 6.1.2. Review, monitor, and evaluate on a regular basis the effectiveness of training, readiness, and safety of ANG and USAFR forces.
 - 6.1.3. Air Force commands, agencies, and units cooperate in making training facilities available.
 - 6.1.3.1. Gaining command installation commanders provide training and logistical support to the ARC as requested by NGB or HQ AFRES and sanctioned by the gaining command. Whenever possible, the ANG and USAFR use Air Force training facilities for training.
 - 6.1.4. Gaining commands provide guidance, advice, and assistance to ANG and USAFR units to aid in solving specific problems related to command, staff and support functions, as well as operational readiness.
 - 6.1.5. Review and monitor ANG and USAFR safety programs for compatibility with those of gaining commands. ARC units investigate and report mishaps as prescribed in appropriate USAF publications.
 - 6.1.6. Keep the ARC informed of new techniques, procedures, tactics, and doctrine for inclusion in ARC unit training programs.
- 6.2. Gaining commands coordinate all directives and publications that apply to ARC units with NGB and HQ AFRES. Coordinate directives and publications pertaining to individual reserve programs with ARPC. HQ USAF resolves unresolved issues. Gaining commands distribute approved publications to the NGB, HQ AFRES, and ANG and USAFR units (AFI 37-160, volume 1).
- 6.3. Gaining commands review the organizational structure of ARC units to ensure their capability to perform wartime missions. Coordinate necessary changes with NGB or HQ AFRES and submit to HQ USAF for approval.
- 6.4. Include ARC forces in active force programming, contingency planning, and exercise planning and execution.
- 6.5. Gaining commands approve and assist in formulating unit mobility, mobilization and contingency plans, and host-tenant agreements that are effective on mobilization.
- 6.6. Gaining command Equipment Management Teams periodically review organizational equipment authorizations and allowances to make sure that each type of unit is properly equipped.
- 6.7. Provide funding for ARC units and personnel when operating active force equipment or when augmenting the active force beyond prescribed training periods funded by ARC appropriations.
- 6.8. Provide advocacy and funding strategy as lead command for ARC equipment modifications and other acquisitions in accordance with Air Force policy.
- 6.9. Implement IMA program policies and guidance as provided by ARPC. Provide administrative, logistic, and management support for assigned IMAs.

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GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES, ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

References

AFPD 10-3, *Air Reserve Component Forces*

AFI 37-160, volume 1, *The Air Force Publications and Forms Management Programs--Developing and Processing Publications*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

AFRES—Air Force Reserve

AFRESIND 2—Air Force Reserve Index 2

ANG—Air National Guard

ANGIND 2—Air National Guard Index 2

ANGUS—Air National Guard of the United States

ARC—Air Reserve Component

ARPC—Air Reserve Personnel Center

HQ AFRES—Headquarters, Air Force Reserve

IMA—Individual Mobilization Augmentee

IRR—Individual Ready Reserve

NGB—National Guard Bureau

USAFR—United States Air Force Reserve